ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data-triggered process definition language is employed, wherein each activity specified in a preferred process definition language is permitted to be enacted

5   whenever a specified combination of data conditions is met, regardless of which activities have previously been enacted. A data-triggered workflow engine utilizes a current state of a process instance, the permitted and schedule rules, an activity network, and additional

10 attributes of activities to schedule the enactment of activities. The activity network does not completely prescribe the enactment order, but rather controls what enactment order the data-triggered workflow engine will *suggest* to a participant. A participant, however, may

15 select a different order based on other information, and can even enact activities that have not been scheduled.